

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

Claims 1-21, 29, 30, 32, and 42-46 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 13, 29, 32, 42, and 46 are hereby amended. Claims 22-28, 31, 33-41 and 47-50 are hereby canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and Applicants will present the canceled claims in a continuation application.

The Office Action indicated that claims 29-30, 32, and 42-46 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 29, 32, 42, and 46 are hereby rewritten in independent form, and therefore Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are patentable.

Claims 1-12 were objected to due to informalities. Independent claim 1 is hereby amended, obviating the objection to these claims.

Claims 13-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Independent claim 13 is hereby amended, obviating the rejection of these claims.

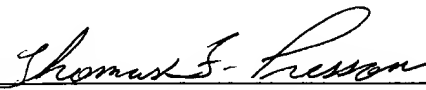
Thus, Applicants submit that claims 1-21, 29, 30, 32, and 42-46 are in condition for allowance.

**CONCLUSION**

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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